A.—(*a*) & (*b*) In regard to both combatants and non-combatants no returns were compiled before 1924. After that year there have been returns regarding the applications from combatants alone. These show that 7,185 applications have been met by grant of land. As an application by an eligible person is not refused except on the ground that the land applied for cannot be granted, it is impossible to say how far actual applicants have ultimately failed to get land. The number of applications pending disposal on 31st December 1928 is reported to have been eleven.

(*c*) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 951 at the meeting of the Council held on 29th November 1928.

Inams

Resumption of Doratanam inam lands in Parlakimedi taluk.

*1661 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the nature and extent of the Doratanam inam lands within the Parlakimedi Revenue taluk of Ganjam district;

(*b*) whether these inams are proposed to be resumed, and if so, the reason why;

(*c*) the total approximate amount of assessment proposed to be fixed on these lands on resumption;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that there are proposals to give (on resumption) these lands on patta to the Raja of Parlakimedi over the claims of the existing inamdars; and if so, why; and

(*e*) whether the Collector of Ganjam and the Revenue Board, in accordance with the Board's Standing Order ever proposed to grant (on resumption) these inams on patta to the present inamdars?

A.—(*a*) As the lands have not yet been surveyed their extent is not accurately known. It has been roughly estimated at about 12,000 acres. The inams in old days constituted the remuneration for "Police" service, viz., the guarding of the ghats leading to the Maliahs to prevent raids by the Sowrahs.

(*b*) The attention of the hon. Member is invited to the answer to question No. 1566 asked by Mr. Sriman Biswanath Das Mahasayo. The services for which the inams constituted the remuneration are neither rendered nor required; nor are they likely to be required in future.

(*c*) The lands have still to be surveyed and settled.

(*d*) It is not proposed to issue pattas for the lands in the name of the Raja of Parlakimedi. The Government do not admit the claims of the ex-inamdars except in so far as they themselves hold occupancy rights in any part of the lands.

(*e*) The answer is in the negative.

Resumption of Doratanam inam lands.

*1662 *Q.*—Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the year in which the proposals to resume the Doratanam inams were first made;